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EVOLUTION AND THE FALL. The Bishop Paddock Lectures for 1909-1910. By the Reverend Francis J. Hall, D.D., Professor of Dogmatic Theology in the Western Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. New York: Longmans, Green & Co.

Of the six lectures contained in the present volume, three deal with the theory of evolution in its relation to the origin of things, and in particular to the origin of man. On this point Dr. Hall's view is clearly and concisely expressed: "Physical evolution alone cannot explain the origin of the species." In the three remaining lectures, the specifically moral and religious problem (as distinguished from the cosmological) is taken up, and Dr. Hall adopts the position of Aquinas (which is also the authoritative teaching of the Roman Church) that Man's primitive state, morally and religiously considered, was not merely one of innocence, but that man was endowed at the beginning with a 'supernatural' gift of righteousness. This original righteousness was lost through his lapse from obedience to the Divine command; and thus man found himself in a despoiled condition, yet not altogether without capacities for good. The author has given us a really important and valuable piece of work; in fact, we are not aware that in the whole range of his writings he has succeeded in making a more distinct contribution to Christian apologetics than by this careful and discriminating review of the present status of the evolutionary problem, and (no less) by the positive and constructive statement of the Theistic position which he so clearly sets forth and so ably defends.

W. S. BISHOP.

PREACHING. By F. E. Carter, M.A., Dean of Grahamstown. New York: Longmans, Green & Co.

PRESENT-DAY PREACHING. By Charles Lewis Slattery, D.D., Rector of Christ Church, Springfield, Massachusetts. Longmans, Green & Co.

The first of the foregoing volumes is a recent addition to the useful series known as "Hand-books for the Clergy," and is a book which the preacher should find both suggestive and spiritually helpful. Devout and reverent in its tone, the spiritual element predominates throughout; but at the same time, justice is done to the intellectual and practical bearings of the

subject. "The Preacher," his "Preparation," and his "Message" are first discussed. Then follow chapters on "The Appeal to the Affections and the Will." The closing chapters deal successively with "Variety in the Preacher's Task," "The Preacher's Style and Delivery," and "Apostolic Preaching."

Dr. Slattery's method of treatment of the same subject is vital and stimulating, and his book abounds in helpful passages. We can hardly agree, however, with the author that present-day congregations demand that the text of the sermon be short; i.e., be condensed into a word, or a brief phrase. The advisability of this will doubtless depend on circumstances; particularly on the nature and the familiarity of the subject with which the sermon deals.

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EPOCHS IN THE LIFE OF PAUL. By A. T. Robertson, D.D. New York: Charles Scribner's Sons.

This volume by the Professor of New Testament Interpretation in the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, has received high commendation both in this country and in Great Britain. For a vivid and vital impression of the life of St. Paul as a whole, and especially in its critical or Supreme Moments, the book is remarkable. It has caught something of the spirit and temper, the vitality and energy of the Apostle himself, and is always wide-awake and intensely in earnest. For this reason it is admirably calculated for popular effect. But the author keeps always in touch with the latest researches and authorities, and so the book is equally useful for students who need to know that in their reading they are close up with the freshest and most reliable critical and historical scholarship.

THE SOPHISTRIES OF CHRISTIAN SCIENCE. By Edward C. Farnsworth. Portland, Maine: Smith & Sale, Printers. 1909.

An especially timely book just now, when the recent death of Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy has called attention afresh to the system of which she was the foundress. Mr. Farnsworth vigorously assails the truth of "Christian Science," and "ventures (the assertion) that if this pseudo-philosophy were formulated com-